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MOST LIVESTOCK PRICES UP, GRAIN PRICES MIXED

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers at mid-January were up for most livestock commodities while grain prices were mixed.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over averaged \$84.00 per cwt. at mid-January, \$1.00 above last month while \$4.00 above January 2000. This is the third price increase in as many months. **Beef cow** prices were also \$4.00 above last January at \$38.00 per cwt. and were \$2.00 above December. This was the highest price for beef cows since September. **Calves** under 500 lbs. averaged \$98.00 per cwt. at mid-January. This was \$4.00 above last month, \$5.00 above January 2000 and the highest price for calves in 6 months.

Prices received for **barrows and gilts** decreased \$4.00 from December to \$34.00 per cwt. at mid-January. Prices were down \$1.00 from last year. Monthly prices for the year 2000 were all above those of the corresponding months in 1999. **Sow** prices at mid-January were unchanged from a year earlier at \$33.00 per cwt. This was \$3.00 above December and the highest in 3 months.

The **all milk** price increased for the third consecutive month to \$14.90 per cwt. at mid-January. This was 30 cents above December and \$1.80 above January a year ago. **Milk cow** prices increased to \$1,320 per head in January, \$80.00 above a year earlier and \$10.00 per head above October 2000.

Corn prices for mid-January at \$2.20 per bushel decreased 3 cents from last month while increasing 3 cents above January 2000. Prices received for **soybeans** averaged \$4.85 per bushel, unchanged from last January while 9 cents below December. **Winter wheat** prices at mid-January averaged \$2.55 per bushel, an increase of 5 cents over last January while 24 cents above last month. Prices have increased for three months in a row.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 96 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.0 percent) from the December index. Lower prices for eggs, cotton, hogs, and soybeans were partially offset by higher prices for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and strawberries. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cotton, tobacco, grapes, and cottonseed were partially offset by higher marketings of cattle, corn, and soybeans.

Compared with January 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 5 points (5.5 percent) higher. Price increases from January 2000 for cattle, milk, cotton, and strawberries were partially offset by lower prices for oranges, apples, potatoes, and lettuce.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		JAN 2000	DEC 2000	JAN 2001	JAN 2001
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	2.17	2.23	2.20	1.96
Soybeans b/	Bu.	4.85	4.94	4.85	4.59
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	2.50	2.31	2.55	2.82
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	122.00	110.00	110.00	91.30
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	79.00	65.00	65.00	69.50
All Hogs	Cwt.	34.90	37.70	34.00	37.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	35.00	38.00	34.00	37.40
Sows	Cwt.	33.00	30.00	33.00	31.10
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	69.00	71.70	73.00	74.60
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	80.00	83.00	84.00	79.30
Cows	Cwt.	34.00	36.00	38.00	38.40
Calves f/	Cwt.	93.00	94.00	98.00	108.00
Milk Cows g/	Ea.	1,240.00	-	1,320.00	1,320.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	13.10	14.60	14.90	13.50
Fluid h/	Cwt.	13.10	14.70	- -	13.50
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.10	9.50	- -	10.90
Hog-Corn Ratios i/	Bu.	16.1	16.9	15.5	18.9

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. h/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. i/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

ANNUAL EGG PRODUCTION

Kentucky egg production during the year ending November 30, 2000 was 940 million eggs, compared with 922 million during 1999. An average of 3.8 million layers were on Kentucky operations during 2000, down 1 percent from the 1999 average. Each layer produced an average of 249 eggs during 2000, compared with last year's average of 243.

U.S. egg production during the year ending November 30, 2000 totaled a record high 84.4 billion eggs, up 2 percent from the previous year's total of 82.7 billion eggs. Layer numbers during 2000 averaged 328 million, up 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2000 was 257 eggs, unchanged from the 1999 average.

DECEMBER 2000 UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Dec. 1999	Dec. 2000	Dec. 00 % of Dec. 99
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,279	7,275	100
Average Layers (000)	328,828	331,908	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,214	2,192	99
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Jan 1 (000)	30,465	33,922	111
Chicks Hatched (000)	33,045	35,008	106
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Jan 1 (000)	623,774	610,712	98
Chicks Hatched (000)	748,438	738,796	99

U. S. MILK PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

Kentucky milk production for December 2000 totaled 137 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year earlier, but up 4 percent from November. Average number of cows on farms at 131,000 head, was up 1,000 from last year, and unchanged from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,045 pounds, down 25 pounds from December 1999 and up 35 pounds from November 2000.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during December totaled 11.9 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from

production in these same States in December 1999. November revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 1.1 percent from November 1999. The November revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 52 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,522 pounds for December, 16 pounds below December 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.84 million head, 81,000 head more than December 1999, but 4,000 head less than November 2000.

U.S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, DECEMBER 2000

PRODUCT	December	November	December	Percent of	
	1999	2000 <u>1/</u>	2000	Dec. 1999	Nov. 2000
		(000) Pounds		Percent	
BUTTER	119,772	105,090	115,854	97	110
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	309,719	283,784	299,359	97	105
Mozzarella	226,670	211,979	231,664	102	109
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	169,426	176,130	158,959	94	90
Total	705,815	671,893	689,982	98	103
		(000) Gallons		Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	57,043	58,462	53,810	94	92
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	5,666	6,086	5,833	103	96
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	31,351	32,734	29,842	95	91
Yogurt Mix	3,476	3,580	3,431	99	96

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. ^{3/} Includes Swiss, cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of **commercial apples** in **Kentucky** totaled 5.60 million pounds in 2000, down from 1999. Prices averaged 25.9 cents per pound, down 3.4 cents from 1999. The value of utilized production totaled \$1.45 million, down from the \$2.05 million in 1999. The apple crop was effected by weather conditions. Most production problems were the result of a spring freeze which froze out some varieties in certain places while destroying the entire apple crop in other areas. Apples that came through the freeze had good production. Rains this past summer hurt some of the grower's spray programs that in turn decreased the quality of their crops.

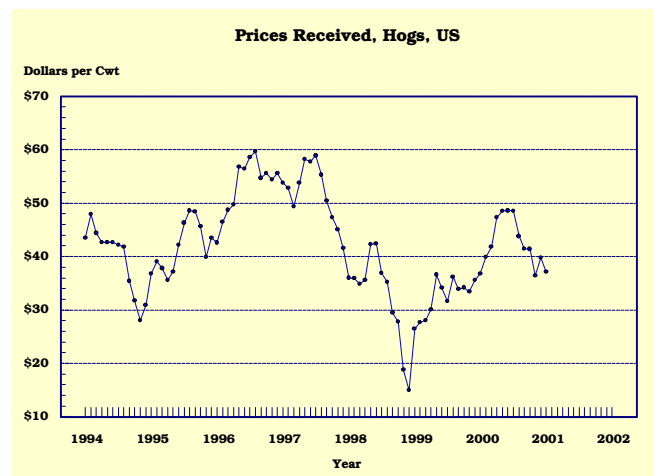
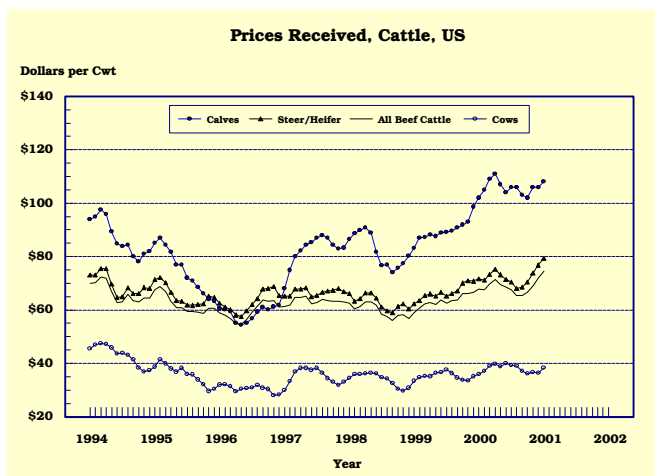
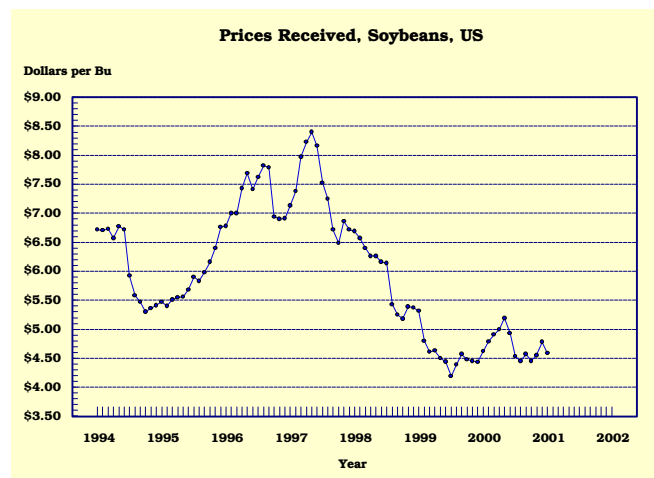
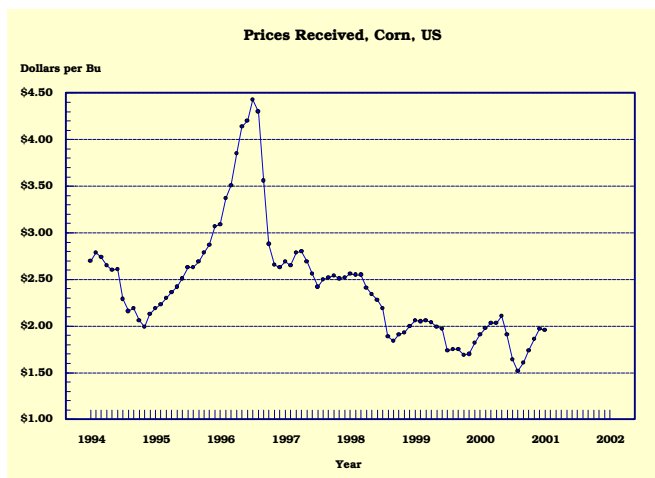
U.S. utilized apple production for 2000 was estimated at 10.3 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 1999 level. Production in most Western States increased as a result of favorable spring growing conditions but was more than offset by production decreases in the Central and Eastern States. Washington had the largest production with 5.70 billion pounds.

Kentucky's utilized **peach** production totaled 1.00 million pounds in 2000, down from 1999. Prices averaged 51.6 cents per pound, up 8.6 cents from 1999 but well below the record high 62.3 cents per pound of 1996. Value of all utilized 2000 production totaled \$516,000 compared to \$731,000 in 1999. The 2000 peach crop was effected by weather conditions. A late freeze in the spring was the main contributor to the smaller peach crop. Orchards not effected by the freeze had a good crop.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2000 was estimated at 2.52 billion pounds, up 4 percent from last year and 8 percent above 1998. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the U.S. peach production, was up 1 percent from 1999. California production totaled 1.82 billion pounds.

APPLE AND PEACH UTILIZED PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

STATE	Utilized Production			Price Per Pound			Value of Utilized Production		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Million Pounds			Cents			1,000 Dollars			
APPLES - COMMERCIAL CROP									
Illinois	35.0	42.5	36.6	18.6	21.4	28.4	6,500	9,109	10,377
Indiana	50.0	54.8	38.7	24.2	23.4	22.9	12,123	12,834	8,854
KENTUCKY	9.0	7.0	5.6	28.4	29.3	25.9	2,556	2,051	1,451
Missouri	29.0	46.0	34.0	17.2	17.4	18.5	4,997	8,026	6,285
Ohio	75.0	91.0	85.0	20.5	21.9	23.4	15,363	19,896	19,880
Tennessee	9.0	8.0	8.5	22.2	21.1	24.6	2,000	1,686	2,090
Virginia	269.0	350.0	333.0	11.7	10.9	11.0	31,491	38,175	36,710
W. Virginia	107.0	135.0	88.0	9.0	9.3	10.2	9,678	12,505	8,949
U.S.	10,762.5	10,446.5	10,334.7	12.2	14.8	15.0	1,316,172	1,549,815	1,553,536
PEACHES - COMMERCIAL CROP									
Illinois	13.5	17.0	20.0	43.3	38.9	41.2	5,846	6,613	8,240
Indiana	3.7	2.8	2.5	31.8	36.9	41.4	1,177	1,033	1,035
KENTUCKY	1.5	1.7	1.0	37.5	43.0	51.6	563	731	516
Missouri	9.0	10.5	9.5	39.6	41.7	35.0	3,564	4,379	3,325
Ohio	6.5	7.9	9.1	41.6	44.7	46.8	2,704	3,531	4,259
Tennessee	3.0	3.0	2.3	45.0	47.0	54.5	1,350	1,410	1,254
Virginia	12.0	12.0	9.0	30.0	29.0	30.0	3,600	3,480	2,700
W. Virginia	12.4	12.3	7.0	26.4	30.2	25.6	3,270	3,716	1,795
U.S.	2,325.6	2,433.4	2,519.7	19.2	19.0	19.6	446,534	462,836	495,067



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